



## Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold Parish Council Council Meeting

Thorpe Arnold Village Hall, 19:00  
16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Present:

Cllr. G Hulland (Chair) (GH), Cllr. E Slegers (ES) and Cllr. S Champion (SC).  
Two members of the public

### Minutes

085 2425 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

**Resolved: To accept and approve apologies from Cllr C Gray, Cllr V White, County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove and Nancy Denny, Parish Clerk.**

086 2425 To receive declarations of interest: both pecuniary and personal on matters in the agenda.

To receive and grant any requests for dispensation on matters in the agenda.  
NONE RECEIVED

087 2425 To approve and sign the minutes from meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**Resolved: To approve and sign the minutes from the meeting**

088 2425 Reports from visitors.

County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove reported:

- Key agencies across Leicestershire are teaming up and calling on communities to protect their homes from flooding as part of a new drive. LCC are organising drop-in events with the support of these key support agencies to help prepare for flooding. Two sessions have been organised so far on the 16<sup>th</sup> October in Harborough and 7<sup>th</sup> of November at County Hall. Any local sessions in the future will be advised.
- Residents of Leicester and Leicestershire are being given the chance to recognise voluntary groups that have made a huge difference by nominating them for a prestigious Royal accolade (The King's Award for Voluntary Service).
- Residents have limited time left to apply for the current round of funding with the Warm Homes Scheme as it is set to close to applications on the 1st November.
- People across Leicestershire can take advantage of free bus travel on Saturdays from next weekend (19th October). The Free Fares scheme has no age restriction and will run every Saturday until 30th November. For more information on the Free Fare scheme, including what services are involved, visit the dedicated Ticketing Schemes page on the Choose How You Move website.

089 2425 Public Participation. Adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes to enable members of the public to express their views on any topic.

*MOP1 raised her concerns about the state of the pavement which leads down Thorpe Hill towards Melton. At some points the width is down to one foot and this causes great difficulty for pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs, dogs etc. There needs to be a proper cut back of the verge and soil and the overhanging trees should be dealt with. This should then be maintained on a regular basis. Additionally, the path from the cemetery car park to the Village Hall has also narrowed from grass overgrowth and needs to be addressed.*



*The BT inspection chamber is a trip hazard as it has not been replaced properly. There is loose casing on the post S2A and the light doesn't work and the lamppost by the cricket club is also not working. The storm three drains are blocked and cause flooding of the road in heavy downpours. All these works could take place whilst the road will be closed.*

*Having looked at the area, Cllr G Hulland confirmed that he agreed with all the works that need to be completed. All these issues will be raised with LCC and BT, but it may be that interim work will need to be completed first with a full address later, as the closure of the A607 for NEMMDR work has moved from autumn to spring.*

090 2425 Finance

a) list of payments

See Appendix 2

b) bank reconciliations for approval

*Cllr Champion and Cllr Slegers carried out the necessary checks on the list of payments. Cllr Slegers carried out the all-bank reconciliation.*

**Resolved: To approve payments and bank reconciliations**

091 2425 To discuss planning issues: None to review

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(Amended Location Plan) Outline planning application for the development of 9 homes.

*The amended plans were received after the agenda had been published so this was discussed informally. The amended plans show the area of compulsory purchase, so the Council's views have not changed from the previous consultation. Concerns were raised about the size of the gardens and the sightlines for egress onto the A607. Formal discussion will take place at the November meeting if deemed necessary.*

092 2425 To receive a report from the Biodiversity Group

*Cllr Slegers visited the old Orchard to pick apples, but many had already gone. Following comments at the last meeting, she checked the state of the grass around the trees and was happy with the height. The trees will need pruning again and a plan to tackle this will be brought up at the next meeting. Brambles will need to be cut back too.*

093 2425 To consider articles for the November quarterly newsletter

*Items were suggested: Remembrance Sunday report, pruning in the Orchard, craft coffee morning in Thorpe Arnold – date for carol concerts in the churches.*

094 2425 To discuss a request to permit controlled bonfires/incinerators on the High Street allotments either for the whole of November or for a 2-week period: 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Resolved: To allow controlled bonfires/incinerators for this period.**

095 2425 Meeting closed at 19.36